THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) Running of 5-Star Hotels requires professional competence-managerial efficiency, experience in the trade, heavy investment involving loans advanced by public sector institutions. In view of this, the following conditions of eligibility have been prescribed by DDA:

(i) The Indian 5-Star Hoteliers having atleast one well-known established 5 Star Hotel/5-Star Delux Hotel with minimum annual turn over of Rs. 25 crores.

(ii) 5-Star Hoteliers who are foreign based should have at least 5 established 5-Star Hotels/5-Star Delux Hotels in different parts of the world.

(iii) Indian enterpreneurs who are having arrangement/collaboration with the Hoteliers satisfying conditions stipulated above in (i) and (ii) both.

(iv) Non-resident Indians who are willing to make investment in the country by arrangement/collaboration with the Hoteliers satisfying conditions stipulated above in (i) or (ii) or both. They would be required to remit foreign exchange for financing the project as required/permissible under the Rules.

Priority has also been given to 3/4 Star Hotels and Janata Hotels by earmarking 6 sites in various parts of the city. Interest subsidy of 3 per cent is also admissible on loan amount, subject to the prescribed conditions.

Tres-passing in reserved coaches

1329. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of tres-passing in reserved coaches have been on alarming increase causing murders of some foreign passengers in the past;

(b) whether Government propose to take some stern steps in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any compensations have since been paid to the victims; and

(e) if so, the details thereof with criteria for payment of compensations?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Only one case of death of a French national due to a quarrel with daily commuters travelling in a reserved coach unauthorisedly has been reported last year.

(b) and (c) The following steps have been taken to prevent unauthorised entry in reserved coaches:—

(i) Surprise checks and drives are conducted from time to time with the help of GRP and unauthorised passengers found travelling in reserved coaches are detained and fined under the provisions of the Railways Act. Wherever the problem of unauthorised entry of passengers in reserved coaches is acute, coordination is established with GRP to enlist their assistance to prevent the same.

(ii) Punishments are imposed on Conductors/TTEs/Coach Attendants found responsible for dereliction of duty.

(iii) Distance restrictions on travel have been imposed in certain long distance trains.

(iv) Legal provisions in the new Railways Act, 1989, have been made more stringent in as much as a fine upto Rs. 500/- has been prescribed as against Rs. 20/- in the present Act.

(d) and (e) No claim for compensation has been preferred. An *ex-gratia* amount, Rs. 5,000/- was paid to the wife of the deceased French national.

1330. [*Transferred to the 28th March 1990*].

Headquarters reservation quota in trains

1331. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railway Board controls some HQR reservation quota; and